

**METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR ENABLING AUTHORIZED
ACCESS AND REQUEST-INITIATED TRANSLATION OF DATA FILES.**

Cross Reference to Related Patents

This application is related and cross reference may be had to the patent application
entitled "Method, System and Program Product for Determining a File Format for use in a
Translation Operation", *08/730,219, PENDING,* ~~Attorney docket number YOR-2000-0746~~, incorporated herein by
reference, commonly assigned to the present assignee and filed concurrently herewith.

Field of the Invention

The present invention generally relates to the field of networked data processing and specifically to the provision of a method, system and program product for enabling network access to a repository of formatted data files. The access is restricted to a set of authorized requesters and among the requesters, access is preferably further restricted based upon the characteristics of the stored data and on its intended use by the requester. A requester may require access to the stored file in a format other than the format(s) in which it is stored. A request initiated translation is provided to enable such access. The request initiated translation may further be governed by a rules-based translation service which heuristically determines which of the stored file formats should be used as the basis for a translation to a requested file format.